

Consider these facts:

- **Levees** may reduce, but do not eliminate, the risk of flooding.
- **Even if a levee** meets the FEMA standard of 100-year flood protection, there is at least a 1-in-4 chance of a larger flood occurring within any 30-year period (the life of a typical home mortgage).
- **Flood damage** is not covered by most standard home, renter, and business owners' insurance policies.
- **The State recommends** that you obtain flood insurance for your property. Contact your insurance agent or call the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-888-435-6637, or visit:

www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk

What's your RISK?



Find out now!
visit
www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk

21
The number
of people who died
in the 1986 and
1997 floods

70+

Number of times
Central Valley
State-Federal project
levees have
breached
or overtopped
since 1983

2.7

Billion dollars
in damages caused
by the 1997
Central Valley floods

19
61

The last year there
was NOT a major
flood somewhere in
California

Remember this simple 3-step plan

PREPARE

- Prepare** an emergency kit that includes: flashlights, radio, batteries, candles, matches, blankets, water, food, first-aid kit, and a list and supply of all medications, etc.
- Keep** important documents and valuable possessions on an upper level of the structure, or as high as possible.
- Make** a list of items to take with you and have a plan for your pets.
- Know** how to safely shut off your utilities.
- Listen** to authorities for emergency instructions.
- Establish** a family meeting place.



PREVENT

- Never** fill, excavate, landscape, plant, irrigate, modify, or place an improvement on any levee or flood control easement without permits from the appropriate local, state, and federal agencies.
- Check** with your local agency to see if a permit is required if you plan to build on, fill, alter, or re-grade your property.
- Keep** storm drains, gutters, and ditches clear.



PROTECT

- Never** try to escape rising floodwater by going into the attic unless you have roof access, or if there are no other safe options.
- Never** drive through flooded streets or roads; more people are trapped and die in their vehicles than anywhere else during floods.
- Consider** buying flood insurance. It is a wise investment for property owners and renters.
- For more** ideas about protecting your property against floods, go to www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk and click on "Protect Your Property."



Get a list of your local emergency contacts and more local, state, and federal information at:

www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk

myfloodrisk@water.ca.gov 1-877-7MY-RISK (1-877-769-7475) TTY: 711 (contact 1-877-769-7475)

Please share this important notice with your tenants. Have it translated if necessary.

FloodSAFE
CALIFORNIA

ESTA NOTIFICACIÓN CONTIENE INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE.

Por favor compártala con sus inquilinos. Tradúzcala si es necesario.

Para preguntas llame al: 1.877.769.7475 o visite:

www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk

Dear Property Owner:

Your property is located behind a State-Federal project levee. According to our records, your property located at [see attached table(s) for property addresses] may be exposed to potential flood risk from the [see attached table(s) for flooding sources]. Your property may also be at risk for flooding from other sources not identified in this notice, such as creeks and local storm drains. Visit www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk and enter your property address to find the areas subject to flooding if State-Federal project levees should fail, and to get information about State-Federal levees in your area.



Flood Risk Notification Program

California Department of Water Resources

P.O. Box 942836

Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

BE AWARE of your flood risk
and **be prepared.**

*Living
with
Levees*

KNOW YOUR FLOOD
RISK

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FEMA



US Army Corps
of Engineers

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